

REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Action mailed June 2, 2005, in which claims 3, 5 and 6 were objected to as containing allowable subject matter and claim 11 was allowed over the prior art of record. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the comments set forth below.

By this Amendment, the Abstract of the Disclosure is revised, indicated allowable claim 3 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claims 1 and 2, claim 5 is amended to recite "An iris identifying apparatus" and claims 1-2, 4, 7-10 and 12 are cancelled. Accordingly, claims 3, 5-6, and 11 are pending in the present application.

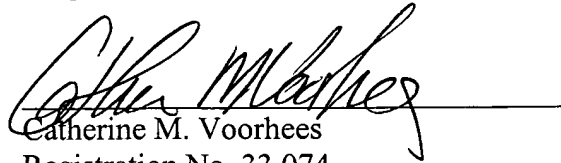
Claims 5-6 were objected to because claim 5 recited "The iris identifying apparatus" in line 1. Claim 5 has been amended adopting the Examiner's suggestion to – An iris identifying apparatus--. Paragraph 9 of the Action states that claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if amended to overcome the objection. In view of the foregoing amendment, it is respectfully submitted that claims 5-6 are allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued indicating that claims 3, 5-6, and 11 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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